Title: Need to shift Office of Central Railway from Mumbai to Nagpur.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Minister that Nagpur is a major transhipment centre for goods. It has the advantage of central location. With the passage of time, the generation of goods cargo in and around Nagpur especially coal, foodgrains, oranges and cement has increased. The Government of India as well as the Maharashtra Government are promoting Nagpur as a multi-model hub for air, surface and rail transportation.

Mumbai being the over-crowded place, the shifting of Office of the Central Railway will remove the congestion and improve the functioning of the Central Railway Office.

Therefore, there is an urgent need to shift the Office of the Central Railway at Nagpur which is an obvious centre of India and not Mumbai. It has also been pointed out that there will be no financial loss to the Railways for shifting as it has also acquired 5000 acres of land for this purpose. Mumbai is at present having both the Offices of Western Railway and the Central Railway.

The people of Nagpur have also been demanding that this Central Railway Office should be established at Nagpur. This will also remove the congestion and over-crowding that the Mumbai Office at present is facing. The shifting of Central Railway Office to Nagpur will give a boost to the Region and also will help in generating wealth and improve efficiency in working. The Maharashtra Government is also keen to have this Office shifted from Mumbai to Nagpur.

Sir, I, therefore, request that the Ministry of Railways should consider the demand for shifting the Office of the Central Railway from Mumbai to Nagpur.

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